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At the same old stand.

WITHOUT DOGS MIGHT RAISE PLENTY HOGS OUTSIDE MONROE

The Marshville Home Is Still Worrying Over the Question—"Mule Power" Covington — Will Install Burr Wheat Mill.

(From the Marshville Home.)
"According to the North Carolina tax records," says the Progressive Farmer, "the number of dogs in the counties where they are taxed decreased 25 per cent last year. We made for the year a decrease of 4,800 in the number of dogs and an increase of 38,000 in the number of hogs." The Progressive Farmer then suggests that "More Hogs and Fewer Dogs" is a pretty good slogan for any Southern county. It will no doubt bring a feeling of sadness to John Beasley and the Waxhaw Enterprise if a general State law for taxing dogs is passed. But John should remember that if the movement causes fewer dogs and more hogs we'll probably be able to produce enough meat to supply demands in Union county without raising hogs in Monroe.

"Eggs at 25 cents a dozen is the cheapest food product on the market now," says Joseph Watkins. He has sold eggs as low as 6 cents a dozen, but Mr. Watkins thinks the present price of 25 cents is relatively lower than the price of six cents when meat and cotton were selling at five cents a pound. A pound of eggs at 25 cents a dozen costs about 15 cents which is half the price of a pound of meat. And the food value of a pound of eggs is much greater than a pound of meat.

"The theories that a man who likes kiddies and dogs and tobacco will do to rely upon is a new one to me," said a Marshville man with a smile. "And it is a still bigger joke to contend that a man that a dog loves is usually a pretty good fellow," said he. "Why a dog always takes up with the laziest and most worthless man in the community and he never has any use for a real industrious man," is the way this gentleman continued his drastic remarks. Since I know just about as little about dogology as I know about moonology I was unable to join in the discussion with enthusiasm, yet I was very much inclined to think that nearly one hundred per cent of what he was saying about dogology was the truth.

"Mule Power" is Road Commissioner Covington's hobby, and he has "struck oil." Enough mule power goes to waste in Union county every year to build good roads in every section of the county. Mr. Covington and the other road commissioners realize this and the manner in which mule power is doing the job south of town demonstrates clearly their vision. A new day in road building has dawned upon Marshville township. We have virtually succeeded from the county by voting a road law of our own, in which free labor has been done away with. It is a mighty bad time to float bonds and good road enthusiasts are rallying nobly to the call for free mule power, and before the year is gone we expect to see a number of graded roads in Marshville township while the "bond money" remains in the pockets of the citizens and the township makes good its ambitions in road building.

Work is progressing nicely on the new graded road leading out of Marshville in a southerly direction to the Five Forks, a distance of 6 miles. The citizens along this road are doing the work themselves which means that they are going to have a road and at the same time keep their money. This will be the first graded road to be built in the county and those who are launching out into the new and improved way of constructing roads that do not run straight up and down hills, as old, out-of-date farmers sometimes run their corn and cotton rows, will have just reason to feel proud of the new highway.

Mr. H. Lee Ashcraft is preparing to enlarge his corn mill outfit and to install a burr wheat mill. Mr. Ashcraft is an experienced miller and the people of this section will learn with interest that they will be able at an early date to get both corn and wheat ground in Marshville.

Mr. W. G. Hearon went to Bishoptonville, S. C., last Tuesday to attend the marriage of his sister, Miss Elizabeth Hearon, to Lieut. Puett Spott, who is doing service on the Mexican border. Miss Hearon spent a few weeks in Marshville last summer and has a number of friends here who will be interested to learn of her marriage.

Mr. W. F. Napier of Laneshoro township, Anson county, returned a few days ago from France, having received an honorable discharge from the army on account of physical disability. Mr. Napier belonged to an engineering regiment and at one time was within hearing distance of the big battle. He says France is a beautiful country and that the French are good people.

Mrs. J. M. Braswell received a telegram Thursday morning stating that her brother, Mr. John W. Williams, of Paul's Valley, Oklahoma, died at 8 o'clock the same day. Mr. Williams was born and reared in Mecklenburg county. He moved to Oklahoma about 28 years ago. He was 54 years old.

Mr. J. C. Austin made another trip to South Carolina last week on a Ford motor truck to deliver a milk cow to a citizen at Dillon. Mr. Austin is about the most enthusiastic Guernsey cow man we know in the county. He buys, milks and sells Guernseys and does it all in a modern, scientific manner.

JUNK Wanted.

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MONROE IRON & METAL CO. Near Freight Depot.

MISS HARRELL WILL GO TO FRANCE AS RED CROSS NURSE

Recently Volunteered Her Services in Atlanta—Death of Mrs. Phifer—Medlin-Eubanks Marriage — Red Cross Notes.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Marshville, March 12.— Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Garland spent last Tuesday in Charlotte.

Mrs. G. S. Honeycutt and son, Sam, of Oakboro visited the former's brother, Mr. W. J. Kennedy, last week.

Messrs. Chester B. Braswell of Charlotte, L. Grier Marsh of Chapel Hill and Prof. Beemer Harrell of Shelby were home several days last week, expecting to leave for camp. As their marching orders were postponed indefinitely, Messrs. Braswell and Harrell have returned to the above named places and resumed their work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hallman, accompanied their son, George, to the Presbyterian Hospital Friday, where the latter underwent an operation—removing of the adenoids and tonsils—returning home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. M. Cundiff of Elkin spent a couple of days last week visiting her niece, Mrs. C. B. Covington.

Mr. Loyd Edwards came in Thursday from Hopewell, Va., to spend some time with relatives.

A marriage of interest was solemnized at high noon Wednesday, March 6, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. L. R. Prnett, in Charlotte, when Miss Mamie Medlin became the bride of Mr. R. A. Eubanks.

Mrs. Eubanks is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Medlin of this place and is a young lady of many accomplishments. Mr. Eubanks is the son of Esq. and Mrs. W. A. Eubanks of Buford township, and is express agent at Rutherfordton. Mr. and Mrs. Eubanks left today for Rutherfordton, where they will reside, after visiting relatives here for several days.

Our readers will be interested to learn that Miss Jean Harrell, a graduate nurse of Atlanta, has volunteered as a Red Cross nurse for immediate service. Miss Harrell responded to a call for one hundred nurses of whom seventy have been secured, and at present she is devoting her entire time to enlisting volunteers in the city of Atlanta. Miss Harrell expects to go to France immediately upon the completion of the unit. We wish we could write this up the way we feel about it, for Marshville claims Miss Harrell as a citizen by it being her home town, and her brothers, Messrs. Frank L. W. O., and Horace Harrell, being some of our foremost citizens.

Mrs. James Phifer of east Marshville died at her home, Tuesday, March 5, of Bright's disease from which she had suffered for years, having been confined to a chair for the past 15 months until about a week before she died, when she was in bed. Mrs. Phifer was the daughter of the late Rev. Allen Caudle and was born in Anson county Aug. 17, 1837, being therefore in her 81st year. She was twice married, first to Joseph Smith, and one son (now dead) was born to this union. Later she married Mr. James Phifer, who with two sons, Adolphus and Gaston, survive. Other surviving relatives are two sisters, Mesdames A. Phifer of Marshville and E. G. Gaddy of Olive Branch, and one brother, J. E. Caudle of Union, S. C. The deceased was the oldest member of Deep Springs church, having been a member practically all her life. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Zeb Caudle at Deep Springs church at two o'clock Wednesday and interment in the cemetery at that place. Messrs. A. and Bascom Phifer and Mrs. M. E. Griffin attended the obsequies from this place.

Miss Faye Traywick of Peachland arrived today and will assist Miss McWhirter in the millinery department at the United Cash Store.

Miss Jennie Vaughan of Morven spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. R. M. Vaughan.

Miss Lurlyne Bailey of Charlotte spent Sunday night and Monday with home folks.

Mr. Reid Russell of Albemarle was a visitor in town Sunday.

The work at the Red Cross work room is progressing. Nine bed shirts were cut and made last week, and the following articles were made in the homes and sent in: Mrs. Mary Bivens, one pair knitted socks; Miss Sallie Harrell, two pair knitted mittens; Mrs. Loyd Green, one hospital shirt. The following ladies worked at the room last week: Monday, Mesdames Luther Huggins, Boyce Hallman, H. C. Ashcraft, James Marsh, Barnes Griffin; Tuesday, Mesdames James Harrell, Sallie Griffin, Joe Baker, J. F. Hallman, E. C. Griffin; Thursday, Mesdames M. P. Blair, J. C. Dean, Rudolph Haywood, Brant Bivens, W. O. Harrell; Friday, Mesdames Bessie May Hallman, Floy Myers, Jean Black and Powell. The ladies are asked to close or cover the machines when they leave the work room.

There will be some moving in Marshville this week. Mr. John Belk making the initial move today, going to the W. C. Curran house just east of the B. & B. manufacturing plant. Mr. M. F. Phifer will move into the Plyler house vacated by Mr. Belk, having recently purchased same from Mr. P. W. Plyler. Mr. E. C. Griffin and family will occupy the Davis house vacated by Mr. Phifer, and Mr. Horace Harrell will take possession of the Griffin place recently purchased by him. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bailey, who lost their home by fire, will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Harrell until they rebuild. Mr. Frank L. Harrell expects to occupy his handsome new home in a few days, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Griffin will begin housekeeping in the one Mr. Harrell is now in.

A gloom was cast over our town Saturday when the message that Dr. J. B. Eubanks had died was made known, and quite a number of the citizens attended the funeral Sunday.—Mrs. J. E. Bailey.

Dr. B. C. Redfean, Dentist,

Office one-door South of Bruner's Store.

Phone 222. MONROE, N. C. At Marshville on first and third Mondays of each month and at Matthews second and fourth Monday.

Union County In the 90's

J. Z. Green in Marshville Home.

In the summer of 1902 I asked Charley Ashcraft if he would accept an appointment from me as assistant lecturer of the Farmers' Alliance of Union county. Charley (whose death from typhoid fever occurred in '93) was one of the best characters I ever knew. It was vacation season with him and he readily accepted my appointment. Under the plan of organization I didn't know whether I was exceeding my authority or not, but since my official position carried no remuneration I concluded that the appointment of an assistant who must also work without financial consideration would be within constitutional limitations so far as the Farmers Alliance organization was concerned. If there had been any threatened objection on the part of the membership it would have disappeared after hearing Charley's lectures, which were logical and convincing and possessed of high moral tone. And he also had a fine sense of humor. At a recent commencement at Wingate I heard Governor Bickett tell one of the stories Charley used while on that canvass of the county in the summer of '92. And he weaved in some humor when he explained to the audiences that he had agreed to join the canvass as my assistant only on condition that I would keep his shoes half-soled, and toward the close of the round he intimated that notwithstanding his soles were getting thin I had not yet complied with the tentative contract. This can be better understood when it is explained that we made the entire canvass of the county on foot.

But it should not be understood that conditions at this time were favorable to cheerfulness, and incidental humor served the purpose of diverting minds temporarily from the panicky conditions that were so wide spread and general that no section of this country had escaped the direful effects. During this panic more homes were sold under mortgage than in any like period in all the previous history of this country, and thus the foundation was laid for the rapid development of a condition of absentee landlordism and tenantry that has been more destructive to rural civilization than all the wars, famines and pestilences combined. In this respect Union county makes a better showing than many other communities, yet I am told that you can travel one public road leading out of Monroe for eight miles without passing a single home owner.

The mortgage system was everywhere prevalent and even the doctors in some sections of the Southern States refused to practice in any family unless the head of the family would give a mortgage. One writer related this incident: "Samuel N. Beard executed an anaconda mortgage on his stock and crop to be grown; he drew \$43 worth of supplies at the usual price in such cases. His stock and crop were worth more than that amount. His wife languished on a bed of sickness during the summer, and at last was too weak to digest any longer the strong and coarse food which her husband had and her doctor ordered beef tea. The door of the cabin in which she lived had no shutter; the chill November winds were sweeping through it, imperiling his wife's life. In their extremity he bartered seventy pounds of his cotton for lean beef to make soup for his wife and for a shutter for the door. For this Beard was indicted and sent to the penitentiary for one year. He offered to show that the property covered by the mortgage exceeded in value the mortgage debt, and that he could have had no intention to defraud; but the court said that the statute said nothing about the intention with which the act was done, and that it was also immaterial whether the remaining property was worth more or less than the mortgage debt, that the offense by the words of the act were complete by the simple act of selling or trading any part of the mortgaged property without regard to motive or any other facts and the Supreme court of the State (Arkansas) affirmed the judgment."

It was conditions like these that gave birth to the People's party and later on produced political revolution within the Democratic party under leadership of Mr. Bryan. While calamity was visiting the country as a whole it was not quite universal. In fact the conditions afforded a rich harvest for the conscienceless land-hog who had saved up a little money. He could attend forced sales of land and buy it under the hammer at 50 or 75 cents an acre and then sell it at five or six dollars an acre taking another mortgage under which the land was sold again (after several good payments were made) and it would again come back into possession of the same land hog to be sold to some other victim. I spent a night some time ago with a good Baptist minister in Pender county who bought his land from one of the endless chain land speculators who made it a business to foreclose mortgages on lands in default of one payment after the debt had nearly all been paid but in this instance the industrious preacher had met all the payments as they came due and thereby became owner of the land. "It actually made the fellow mad when I succeeded in meeting all the payments and he couldn't get the land back," said he.

The Farmers' Alliance which was a semi-political organization, presented a new political creed which was designed to alleviate the widespread panic. This was formulated in national meeting at Ocala, Fla., and was referred to as the Ocala platform. It was considered so extreme and radical that conservative Republican or Democrat could hardly think of it without a frown of contempt and it came in for more ridicule than had ever been unloaded upon any other political document. Twenty-five years have passed and the pioneers of that movement, who are living, have seen two-thirds of that "visionary" platform enacted into law—namely, for

a paper currency in sufficient volume to transact the business of the country in a fairly creditable shape, and the government control of railroads, which must inevitably lead to government ownership of the roads. The idea of government ownership of railroads was considered the craziest part of the Populist creed. Occasionally when I am ruminating and meditating over the extremely conservative attitude of my friends Redwine, Lemon, Stevens and Morrow of Monroe toward this strange (?) Populist creed back in the nineties, I am led to wonder how in all the world they have managed to adjust themselves to these radical changes. For instance, just think of a "sound-money" (gold-standard) man living under a cheap paper money basis! And whoever dreamed that twenty-five years after the long-whiskered hay-seeders wrote it into their Ocala platform that the ownership of railroads and other public utilities is properly a government function we would have a president who believes in this principle and that we would be taking the first steps toward a practical realization? It is hardly conceivable that a quarter of a century could bring such a wonderful transformation.

SYMPATHETIC NOTE TO RUSSIA

Mr. Wilson Pledges American Aid in Driving Out Autocracy.

On the eve of the gathering at Moscow of the Russian congress of soviets, which is to pass judgment on the German peace accepted by the Bolsheviks at Brest-Litovsk, President Wilson has sent a message of sympathy to the Russian people through the congress, with a pledge that the United States will avail itself of every opportunity to aid them in driving out autocracy and restoring Russia to her place in the world with complete sovereignty and independence.

The United States now recognizes no government in Russia, but the President cabled his message to the American consul at Moscow, for delivery to the congress, which is made up of soldiers' and workmen's representatives and speaks for a considerable part of the Russian people. The message, made public tonight by the state department, was as follows:

"May I not take advantage of the meeting of the congress of the soviets to express the sincere sympathy which the people of the United States feel for the Russian people at this moment when the German power has been thrust in to interrupt and turn back the whole struggle for freedom and substitute the wishes of Germany for the purpose of the people of Russia? Although the government of the United States is, unhappily, not now in a position to render the direct and effective aid it would wish to render, I beg to assure the people of Russia, through the congress, that it will avail itself of every opportunity to secure for Russia once more complete sovereignty and independence in her own affairs and full restoration to her great role in the life of Europe and the modern world. The whole heart of the people of the United States is with the people of Russia in the attempt to free themselves forever from autocratic government and become the masters of their own life."

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

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NOTICE OF SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale given in a deed of trust executed by Arthur M. Henderson and wife, dated January 4th, 1917, and recorded in Book A. S., page 235, of the Register of Deeds office for Union County, the undersigned will at 12 M., on

Saturday, March 23rd, 1918, at the court house door of Union County, offer for sale and sell for cash to the highest bidder the following described lot of land, situate in the town of Monroe, Union County, North Carolina, adjoining J. E. Henderson and described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake on Wadesboro ave. and runs North 36 degrees East 137 feet to an iron stake; thence South 54 degrees East 70 feet to an iron stake; thence South 36 degrees West 137 feet to an iron stake in Wadesboro ave.; thence North 54 degrees West 70 feet along Wadesboro ave. to the beginning, and being Lot No. 7, as surveyed and platted by William McCauley, on the ... day of March 1914, and being part of the lands as conveyed by M. E. McCauley and wife to J. E. Henderson. This 15th day of February, 1918. S. BROWN SHEPHERD, Trustee.